

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2021-210-E ORDER NO. 2022-45-H**

**MAY 9, 2022**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER:** C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

Request of Clifton Power Company on the Public Service Commission's Jurisdiction of Electric Vehicle Charging Station

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Petition to Intervene of South Carolina Coastal Conservation League ("CCL") and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ("SACE") filed on April 27, 2022.

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

This matter comes before the Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of CCL and SACE in this Docket. The Petition has been timely filed and within the deadline to file a Petition to Intervene on April 27, 2022.

After it has been determined that the Petition to Intervene has been timely filed, the next question for the Commission is to determine whether or not the petitioning party or parties have clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that parties filing a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the South Carolina Public Service Commission must set forth clearly and concisely:

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.

The Commission opened this proceeding on the request of Clifton Power Company, a manufacturer and installer of electric vehicle charging stations in South Carolina. In its request, Clifton states that its charging stations are located throughout the state in service areas assigned to investor-owned utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and electric cooperatives.

CCL is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina whose stated mission is to protect the natural environment of the South Carolina coastal plain and to enhance the quality of life in its communities by working with individuals, businesses, and government to ensure balanced solutions. CCL and its members support the development of energy policy that is in the public interest of South Carolinians. CCL has members in South Carolina who receive electricity service from regulated and unregulated electric utilities in South Carolina and who have an interest in the deployment of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging equipment

across the state. As such, CCL may be impacted by the Commission's decisions regarding its jurisdiction over electric vehicle charging.

SACE is a nonprofit organization whose stated mission is to promote responsible and equitable energy choices to ensure clean, safe and healthy communities throughout the Southeast. SACE and its members are interested in promoting greater reliance on clean energy resources to meet the South's energy needs. Like CCL, SACE has members who receive electricity service from regulated and unregulated electric utilities in South Carolina, have an interest in the deployment of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging equipment across the state, and thus may be impacted by the Commission's decisions regarding its jurisdiction over electric vehicle charging.

From the discussion and assertions in CCL and SACE's Petition, this Hearing Officer holds that they have satisfied all of the criteria for intervention stated in the Regulation. The Petitioners' interest in these matters can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention. Although the Petitioners did not state a position, they noted that they may develop one during the course of the proceeding, which is satisfactory. Further, the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of CCL and SACE is hereby granted in this Docket.

This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.